

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Haberman, for being so kind to answer my questions. I'm going to vote to add this amendment on because I do think it's a very good amendment. I was a little disappointed that you didn't keep going with the original bill because you had kept bugging me and asking me to support the sales tax on new farm machinery and now you change it around to just the repair parts, but I am going to be one of the good guys and help you out on this one, Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing the next speaker, the Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Withem has a number of guests in the south balcony with their teachers. We have visiting today 64 fourth graders from Hickory Hill in Omaha. Would you people please stand and be recognized by your Legislature? Thank you. We're delighted to have you with us this morning. Senator Hannibal, please, additional discussion on the Haberman amendment, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm sorry, Senator Haberman, I didn't hear your remarks dealing with the sales tax exemption on railroad stock and truck parts, and...but I'm sorry I didn't hear the explanation because I have also been a little curious as to why they would be any different. And I asked Senator Johnson if he has addressed that, as Chairman of the Revenue Committee, whether he has addressed that on the floor and he indicated that he has not yet, so I would like to ask Senator Johnson if he would yield to a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Vard Johnson, would you respond?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Johnson, I think Senator Haberman was trying to say to us that there...that we do have these exemptions on parts for railroad rolling stock and for truck parts. Is that correct?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, we do.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Would you be willing to tell me why that would be justified and this not?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: We a...way back in 1967, when the Legislature first enacted the sales tax law, it specifically exempted repair parts on railroad rolling stock and repair parts